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### The Chinook Club

Was incorporated as Follows:

#### 1901

#### CHAPTER 37

An Ordinance to Incorporate The Chinook Club of the Town of Lethbridge.

(Assented to June 12, 1901.)

WHEREAS the persons hereinafter named and others in the town of Lethbridge and vicinity have associated themselves together for the establishment of a club for social purposes; and

Whereas the said persons hereinafter named have prayed to be incorporated by the name of "The Chinook Club" of the town of Lethbridge in the North-West Territories and it is expedient to grant their prayer,

Therefore the Lieutenant Governor by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of the Territories enacts as follows:

1. Thomas D. Kevin, P. L. Nai-

smith, William Colpman, Frank Colpman, John L. Stovall, George W. Robinson, Charles Broughton Bowman, Henry Bentley, Maurice Barford, C. F. P. Conybeare, Robert F. Reeve, Francis Hamilton Mewburn. Leverett George DeVeber, Thomas F. Kirkham, Colin J. Atkinson, A. J. Fraser, G. H. Garden, Howell Harris, J. E. Lethbridge, E. Cameron, Charles A. Magrath. A. M. Grace and all such other persons as are now or hereinafter shall become members of the said association shall be and are hereby declared to be a body corporate and politic in deed and in name by the name of "The Chinook Club:" and by that name shall have perpetual succession and a common seal and shall have power from time to time and at all times hereafter to be able and capable to purchase, acquire, hold. possess and enjoy and to have, take and receive to them and their successors to and for the actual use of the said corporation any lands, tenements, hereditments and real and immovable property and estate situate, lying and being within the said town of Lethbridge and the same to sell, alienate, exchange and otherwise dispose of or incumber whensoever the said corporation shall deem it proper so to do: and by the said name shall and

may be capable to be sued, implead and be impleaded, answer and be answered unto in any matter whatsoever.

2. The constitution, rules and regulations touching the administration of the said corporation shall be formu lated at a general meeting thereof called for that purpose and of which at least ten days' notice shall be given by public advertisement or otherwise to all the members thereof; and the constitution, rules and regulations then adopted shall have full force and effect in so far as the same shall not be inconsistent with the laws in force in the Territories and the provisions of this Ordinance.

Provided always that the said corporation may from time to time alter, repeal and change such constitution, rules and regulations in the manner therein provided.

- 3. The said corporation may from time to time borrow money not to exced in the whole, the sum of \$25,000 at such rate of interest and upon such terms as they may deem proper; and may for such purpose make, execute or issue any mortgages, bonds, debentures or other instruments under the seal of the said corporation.
  - 4. Any such mortgages, bond, deben-

ture or other instrument shall be signed by the president of the said corporation and countersigned by the secretary.

- 5. The moneys authorized to be raised under the provisions of section 3 of this Ordinance shall be applied exclusively in the purchase of a site for the club buildings and in the purchase, improvement or erection of a club house and dependencies thereon together with necessary furniture or for the purchase of any freehold interest therein and in the payment of any mortgage or charge thereon and for the redemption of the said debentures and reissues as they become durespectively from time to time and at all times
- 6. No member of the corporation shall be in any way liable for or chargeable with the payment of any debt or demand due by the said corporation beyond the extent of the entrance fee and annual subscriptions remaining unpaid by said member and for any unpaid accounts he may have incurred to the corporation for articles ordered by him in said club; and any member of the said club not so indebted to the said corporation may retire therefrom and will cease to be a member on giving notice to that effect in

such form as may be required by the constitution, rules and regulations of the said club and thenceforth shall be free from liability for any debt or engagement of the corporation.

7. The said corporation shall have power to draw, make, accept and endorse all bills of exchange and promissory notes necessary for the purposes of the said corporation under the hands of the president and secretary thereof after authority of the committee of the said corporation so to do; and in no case shall it be necessary that the seal of the corporation be affixed to any such bill or note nor shall the president or secretary be individually liable or responsible therefor:

Provided that nothing herein contained shall be constructed to authorise the corporation to issue notes or bills of exchange payable to bearer or intended to be circulated as money or as notes or bills of a bank.

- 8. Notwithstanding anything hereinbefore contained the said corporation shall have power to rent any portions of the real estate held by the said corporation upon such terms and for such period as may be agreed upon.
- 9. This Ordinance may be cited as "The Chinook Club Ordinance."



### The Following By-Laws

Were Read and Confirmed at the Annual Meeting of the Club

### Nov. 4, 1909.

- 1. NOMINATIONS FOR MEMBER-SHIP. Any gentleman 20 years of age or over is eligible for nomination for membership in the Club.
- 2. METHOD OF NOMINATION. A nomination must be made and seconded in writing by two resident or non-resident members, the nomination paper to state the name and occupation of the nominee and to be accompanied by the amount of the entrance fee for the class to which the nomination is made.
- 3. CLASSES OF MEMBERS. There shall be four classes of members as follows:
- (a) RESIDENT. Any person elligible for nomination may be nominated as a resident member:
- (b) NON-RESIDENT. Any person elligible for nomination whose bona-fide residence is five miles or more

from the City of Lethbridge may be nominated as a non-resident member:

- (c) TRANSIENT. Any person elligible for nomination whom the Committee decide to have only a transient residence in the City may be nominated as a transient member:
- (d) VISITING. A member may apply to the Committee to have a friend who lives more than five miles from Lethbridge, entered as a visiting member for a time not to exceed three months.
- 4. ENTRANCE FEES. For resident members shall be \$50 and for non-resident members \$25, and they alone bave power to hold office or vote in the Club.

For transient members the entrance fee shall be the amount of the dues for two months, which fee shall pay their dues for the first two months.

5. DUES. For resident members shall be \$25 per year; for non-resident members, \$10 per year, quarterly, both payable in advance. For transient members \$3.25 per month payable monthly in advance; for visiting members \$2 per month, payable monthly in advance.

A transient member pays more per year, as dues, than a resident member and at any time when this excess amounts to as much as the resident member's entrance fee, the transient member may become a resident member by making request for the same to the committee

Or, he may at any time make a payment which added to the excess he has already paid shall equal the resident entrance fee and then become a resident member on request.

- 6. TIME OF BALLOT. Ballot for membership shall be taken on the first legal day of each month, nominations for the ballot close seven days before the first of each month and the nomination papers must be posted on the bulletin board seven days before the first of the month on which the ballot is to be taken.
- 7. METHOD OF BALLOT. Ballot shall be taken as follows: Three days before the end of the month the secretary shall send to each resident and non-resident member, by mail, a ballot paper stating the name and occupation of the proposed member and the names of his proposer and his seconder, this ballot paper may be initialized by the secretary but must bear no mark by which it can be identified from the other ballot papers sent out for the same ballot.

An envelope addressed to the secretary, will be enclosed with the ballot for its return, and this envelope must bear no mark of identification on it.

The members will mark their votes on the ballots and return them to the secretary on or before the first legal day of the month when the ballot shall be closed. Two members of the committee and the secretary shall at once open the ballot and declare the same in writing, the declaration to be posted at once on the notice board and to remain there for one week.

- ONE ADVERSE VOTE in each twenty votes cast shall reject the person nominated.
- 9. GUESTS. A member having a guest in the City, who lives more than five miles from the City, whom he wishes to introduce to the Ciub, shall enter his name on the visitors' register which shall admit the guest to the privileges of the Club, for not more than two weeks in any three consecutive months, and he may also obtain for the guest a visitor's card.
- 10. A member shall be RESPONSI-BLE for any indebtedness that may be incurred by a visiting member or guest introduced by him.
- 11. NO MEMBER OF THE CLUB MAY EXING A PERSON who resides within the miles of the City into the

Club on any pretext whatever, except that he may come into the Strangers' Room to see any member who may be in the Club.

- 12. The Secretary may POST the name of any member who is two months in arrears for dues or house account, notice of the same to be sent the member in writing at the time; if at the end of thirty days from the time of posting the arrears have not been paid, the person posted shall cease to be a member of the Club.
- 13. The Committee shall have the power, upon receiving satisfactory explanation from any person who shall have ceased to be a member, or from any defaulting member (whether for subscription or house account), to RE-INSTATE him to active membership upon his paying (in any manner acceptable to the Committee) the amount due by him for subscription or house account.
- 14. No member shall be PERMIT-TED TO VOTE or enjoy any of the privileges of the Club until he shall have paid whatever arrears are due by him either for subscription or otherwise.
- 15. Any member whose subscription and dues are paid shall be at liberty to withdraw from the club on notify-

ing the Committee in writing to that effect, but a member withdrawing may on application be re-admitted to membership without payment of entrance fee, but must be ballotted for in the usual way.

16. If any member be guilty of conduct which, in the opinion of the Committee, or of any three members of the Club certifying such opinion in writing, is detrimental to the character or interests of the Club, or if any member wilfully infringes the constitution or any of the by-laws, rules or regulations of the Club, the Committee shall, by reasonable notice specifying the nature of the offence charged, request such member to appear before them at a meeting to be specially called for the purposes of considering such offence, to answer such charge. and if he fail to appear at such meeting pursuant to such request, or, if having so appeared he fails to satisfy the Committee, the Committee may suspend such member from the privileges of the Club for a period not exceeding three months from such meeting, or the Committee may call an extraordinary meeting of the Club to consider the matter, and it shall be competent for such meeting by a vote to be taken by ballot to suspend or expel such member from the Club: Provided that any member suspended by the Committee under this rule shall have the right to appeal to an extra ordinary general meeting of the Club. at which voting shall be by ballot, which meeting it shall be the duty of the Committee to call as soon as possible after the member so suspended shall have notified the Committee in writing of his intention to appeal. The secretary shall at once notify the member complained of, of the result of any Committee meeting or extraordinary meeting held under this rule.

- 17. Any member who shall resign of be expelled from the Club shall cease to be a member thereof and shall forfeit all right to or claim upon its property and effects. A member who shall be expelled shall be inelligible for admission or re-election and shall not be admitted to the premises.
- 18. The officers of the Club shall be a President, Vice-President and Secretary-Treasurer, the first two to be elected anually at the annual meeting, the last to be appointed by the Committee.
- 19. The Club shall be managed by a Committee consisting of the President, the Vice-President and five other resident members of the Club, who shall be elected annually.

At all meetings of the Committee four shall form a quorum and the Committee shall meet at least once a month. Any member of the Committee absent from three consecutive meetings thereof shall forthwith cease to be a member thereof unless excused from attendance by resolution passed at the third meeting from which he shall be absent.

- 20. There shall be two auditors appointed by the annual meeting to audit the books and annual statement of the Club.
- 21. The annual meeting for the election of officers and other members of the Committee shall be held on the first Thursday in November in each year at the Club premises, and it shall be the duty of the Secretary to notify each member of the time of such meeting at least one week before the day of such meeting, and such meeting may adjourn from time to time as may be deemed expedient.
- 22. The committee shall have full power to make from time to time such by-laws, rules and regulations, not inconsistent with the constitution or these by-laws, for the management of the Club, as they may see fit, and shall have control of the Club property, and it shall be the duty of the

Committee to take immediate notice of any infraction of the by-laws or rules and regulations of the Club and take action in regard thereto, as the nature of the case may require.

23. The Secretary shall be the executive officer of the Committee having charge of and being responsible to the Committee for the proper condition and maintainance of the house and grounds, he shall keep a correct account of the minutes of the Club and Committee meetings, he shall keep a correct account of all monies paid into or paid out by the Club, he shall prepare the annual statement.

He shall be responsible for the proper condition of the stock of wines and cigars and shall be the purchasing agent of the Club. The Stewards and other servants of the Club are under his direct control with power to discharge or engage them.

All subject to the by-laws and house rules, and the instructions of the Committee.

24. At each annual meeting the Committee shall submit a statement in detail of the receipts and expenditures of the Club during the past year, together with an abstract duly audited by two auditors appointed at the preceding annual meeting, showing the

state of the accounts, the assets and liabilities and the general concerns of the Club for the past year, a copy of which report and abstract shall be prepared and distributed among the members of the Club one week prior to the date of the meeting.

- 25. All propositions to be submitted by members at the annual meeting shall be posted up in the Club premises at least seven days before the meeting.
- 26. The chair shall be taken at all meetings of the Club at eight o'clock. A quorum of ten members shall be necessary to constitute any annual or special meeting.
- 27. The Committee shall have the power at all times to convene an extraordinary meeting of the Club, and they shall call a special meeting of the Club at any time upon receiving a requisition signed by five members, such requisition stating the object of such meeting.
- 28. Notice of all meetings of the Club shall be mailed to the members at least seven days before the date of meeting, and shall be posted up for the same period in the Club premises.
- 29. If any member of the Committee shall resign or should any vacancy oc-

cur by death or otherwise, the Committee shall have power to select a member to fill such vacancy until the next annual meeting.

- 30. The officers and Committee shall hold office until their successors are appointed.
- 31. The Committee shall have full power to regulate the mode of paying for house accounts incurred by members and of enforcing payment thereof.
- 32. Politics and religious questions of every description shall be absolutely excluded from the objects of the Club.
- 33. No dice shall be used in the Club except for back-gammon and the Committee may at any time regulate or prohibit the playing of cards for money.
- 34. No member shall receive any profit, salary or emolument from the Club, nor any member give any money or gratuity to any servants of the establishment upon any pretence whatever, but this rule shall not preclude any member from selling or buying property or goods to or from the Club, nor prevent the Secretary and Auditors from receiving a salary from the Club.
  - 35. No member shall take or permit

- to be taken from the Club on any pretence whatever, or shall injure or destroy, any newspaper, pamphlet, book or other article the property of the Club.
- 36. Members are on no account to find fault with or reprimand the servants of the Club, but all causes and complaints shall be notified to the Secretary in writing and shall by him be laid before the Committee at the next meeting.
- 37. All notices shall be binding upon members if mailed to them at their last known address.
- 38. Any article of these by-laws may be altered, amended or suspended for any length of time by consent of two-thirds of the members present at any meeting specially convened for the purpose.
- 39. All by-laws, rules and regulations inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed, providing that all persons who are members of the Club at the time of the passing hereof shall be held to be members thereof under and subject to the provisions hereof.
- 40. The seal of the Club shall be circular, in its centre a group of mountains rising from the prairie, with the sun setting behind the mountains, surrounded by the words Chinook Club Lethbridge, Incorporated 1901.

#### House Rules

- Complaints are to be made in the book provided for that purpose, or under cover, addressed to the Secretary.
- 2. The Steward's duties include the care of all letters, papers, cards, messages, etc., for members. If strangers call to see a member who is in the house, he will show them into the Strangers' Room and immediately send notice to the member so inquired for He will respectfully call attention to any departure from the rules, reporting to the Secretary persistent disregard of them.
- 3. The Club will be open from 9 a.m. till 1 a.m. following.
- 4. A Steward will be in attendance on week days from 9.30 a.m. to 1 a.m. following and on Sunday rom 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. and from 8 p.m. to 12 p.m.
- 5. During the above hours the Club will be open to all members in good standing, and to introduced members for the dates covered by their introductions.
- 6. No pamphlet, advertisement or notice of any kind may be laid on the tables or put up in the chub by any member, but any pamphlet, etc., which it may be wished to make known to

the Club shall be sent to the Secretary to be laid before the Committee for approval.

- 7. No loud conversation will be allowed in the reading or writing room.
- 8. No servant of the Club shall be sent out on messages under any pretext whatever, except by order of the Committee, or Secretary.
- 9. No member, except on special duty, will be allowed in the bar room or any of the servant's rooms.
- 10. No Club property shall be sent out of the House on any pretence whatever, except by permission of the Committee or Secretary.
- 11. Articles of glass, earthenware, furniture, etc., which may be broken by the members, in any part of the house, shall be paid for by them.
- 12. No dogs shall be admitted into the house.
- 13. Members wishing to play cards will obtain the same from the Steward, each member playing paying 10c for the use of the cards.
- 14. A charge of 40c per hour will be made for the use of a billiard table.







